Welcome from the Foundation Chair

Do you remember your first Aerospace Medical Association annual meeting? I bet you do—an entire conference where everyone shared the same thoughts and dreams about flight into sky and space. You met mentors, contacts, and future lifelong friends. There were more interesting presentations than you could absorb—they all looked great! At my first meeting, I was even excited about vestibular studies on drunken felines. I met my beautiful wife Christine at an AsMA meeting just a few Jovian years ago. You never know what will happen, or who you will meet. The sky IS the limit at these meetings, if you are into aerospace medicine.

Your AsMA Foundation has as a large role in helping people attend these special meetings, and in support of those who are early in their careers. One of our initiatives now is to increase the size and impact of the financial grants, awards, and scholarships the Foundation can make. How can we do this? YOU can donate, and feel certain you are contributing to the future of the field you know and love.

Please look at the rest of this newsletter to get a feel for the Foundation’s work. As I pointed out in our last newsletter, the popular Trumbo Fun Walk/Run is an annual gift to the Association members and meeting attendees from the Foundation. Help us keep our good works going!

As always, the Board and I welcome any suggestions, comments, criticisms, and most of all, checks. See you in Denver!

David K. Broadwell, M.D, M.P.H.
Dr. Karina Marshall Goebel Awarded the 2016 Fellows Scholarship

The AsMA Fellows Scholarship Committee recently announced the winner of the 2016 Fellows Scholarship. Karina Marshall Goebel, Ph.D. won the scholarship for her presentation and publication of a manuscript on “Intracranial and Intraocular Pressure During Various Degrees of Head-Down Tilt.”

The $2,000 AsMA Fellows Scholarship is funded by the AsMA Foundation and is presented annually to an AsMA member who is a student in an aerospace medicine residency program, graduate program in aerospace medicine (Master or Ph.D.), medical certificate or aerospace diploma course, or in a full-time education/training program in the allied fields of nursing, physiology, human factors, psychology, ergonomics, and engineering. Selection criteria include delivering a slide or poster presentation as first author at the AsMA Annual Scientific Meeting and then submitting a manuscript as first author for publication in AsMA’s Aerospace Medicine & Human Performance Journal based on the same topic and/or material covered in the slide or poster presentation. The winner is selected by the AsMA Fellows Scholarship Committee based on the highest scientific value, originality, quality and relevance of the applicant’s presentation and AMHP manuscript related to the field of aerospace medicine (including allied scientific disciplines). Special consideration is given to those applicants who are at an early stage in their career development.

Dr. Melchor Antunano chairs the Fellows Scholarship Committee and reports that there are 16 candidates who are eligible for the 2017 Fellows Award. Fellows who are interested in helping evaluate the 2017 candidates should contact Dr. Antunano prior to the Annual Scientific Meeting.

Foundation Thanks 2016 Contributors

The Foundation supports the field of aerospace medicine and the Aerospace Medical Association through the generosity of members and friends of AsMA. We wish to thank the following individuals for helping the Foundation support the Association, aerospace medicine and the allied fields in 2016. The mission of the Foundation could not be possible without generous support from the members of AsMA. While we make every effort to include each donor, if your name was left off the list, please let us know.

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Foundation Annual Financial Report

Secretary/Treasurer Peach Taylor reports that the Foundation remains on solid financial footing for 2016, with total assets (including those held for several constituent organizations) of over $377,000. Scholarships and awards made by the Foundation totaled $7,250. There were $21,319 in new donations, included the establishment of the Belland Fund to support the general awards work of the Foundation. Tufton Capital Management Company continues to provide independent, professional management of the investment portfolio for the Foundation assets to limit volatility and provide a sound foundation for the future of the Aerospace Medicine Association Foundation. This portfolio account grew over 9% over 2016. The outstanding growth provides the opportunity to expand awards, grants, and support for the Association over the next few years.
Plans Finalized for the Richard B. “Dick” Trumbo Preventive Medicine Run/Walk in Denver

Plans are well underway for the Richard B. “Dick” Trumbo 5K Preventive Medicine Run/Walk to be held at 6:00 AM on Monday, May 1, at the Mile-High Trail in Denver’s beautiful City Park. This will be a special year due to the recent death of Dr. Trumbo. Dick Trumbo personally supported and helped arrange the annual fun run held in conjunction with AsMA’s scientific meeting. When he became ill and unable to attend the meeting, the annual run was dropped for several years. Starting with the meeting in Orlando, the Richard B. “Dick” Trumbo 5K Preventive Medicine Run/Walk has been held annually in honor of Dick, and his wife Peggy has continued the tradition of support. The event is supported by the Foundation through proceeds generated from the Richard B. and Peggy Trumbo and the Richard and Issy Jennings Endowed Funds.

Once again, UTMB Aerospace Medicine will be providing shirts for runners and walkers.

Attend the AsMA Scientific Meeting and Support the Foundation

The Aerospace Medical Association and the Foundation have made it easier to support the Foundation by offering the opportunity to combine meeting registration and donations. This process makes it convenient to submit a donation to the Foundation while also offering additional payment options such as credit cards. The Foundation’s purpose is support the general field of aerospace medicine and the Association and both the Association and Foundation continue to explore options for cooperation that benefit both organizations.

Foundation Booth in Denver

The AsMA Foundation will be hosting a booth in the display area at the annual scientific meeting in Denver. Members of the Board will periodically staff the booth and hope to answer any questions that AsMA members may have. We also plan to seek input from members regarding perceived needs the Foundation may address or suggestions to improve our function in the future.

Supporting the AsMA Foundation

The AsMA Foundation supports aerospace medicine and its allied fields through providing scholarships, awards, grants, and other activities.

Several named endowed funds have been created to support awards, scholarships, and events in perpetuity, but unrestricted gifts are always appreciated. It is easy to support the Foundation through several methods. Gifts may include the donation of cash, securities, bequests, life insurance,
savings bonds, retirement plan assets, or real estate. Those that designate future gifts to the Foundation may be added to the Heritage Society, if desired. Many types of gifts can limit tax liability, but it is prudent to consult a tax advisor. For more Foundation information, visit the AsMA website at: http://www.asma.org/about-asma/related-organizations/asma-foundation

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Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has. Margaret Mead